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SUBJ: PACT AMENDMENT

REF: LISBON 1279 (DTG 271532Z FEB 76)

1. PACT AMENDMENT: TEXT OF AMENDMENT TO ARMED FORCES
MOVEMENT-POLITICAL PARTIES PACT, WHICH WAS ADDED AT THE
LAST MINUTE AT PPD INSISTENCE, HAS NOW BEEN PUBLISHED. (REFTEL).
INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

-- "THE SYSTEM OF SOVEREIGN BODIES ENVISIONED IN THE PRE-
SENT PACT WILL ENTER INTO OPERATION AS SOON AS THE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC IS ELECTED. THE EXISTING
SOVEREIGN BODIES WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THAT DATE UNDER
THE TERMS OF THE APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS."

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2. PPD VIEW: PPD SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE AMENDMENT WOULD NOT PREVENT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FROM CONVENING AFTER APRIL 25, BUT THAT IT WOULD PREVENT SELECTION OF A NEW PRIME MINISTER BY COSTA GOMES.

3. COMMENT: THE AMENDMENT ACCOMPLISHES THE PPD'S AIM OF EXCLUDING COSTA GOMES FROM SELECTING THE NEW PRIME MINISTER AND PROVIDES A STRONG INCENTIVE FOR EARLY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. TWO-MONTH HIATUS BETWEEN APRIL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND JUNE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WILL BE USED FOR PARTY MANUEVERING BASED ON KNOWN ELECTION RESULTS. SOCIALISTS REMAIN MILDLY HOPEFUL THAT THEY MAY YET BE ABLE TO RUN SOARES FOR PRESIDENT.
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